

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24 and ending at page 2, line 11 to read, as follows.

--In recent years, however, owing to such merits as low ozone and low electric power, a contact charging apparatus, i.e., an apparatus of a type in which a charging member having a voltage applied thereto is brought into contact with a photosensitive member to thereby effect the charging of the photosensitive member, has been proposed, for example, in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 57-178267 57-17826, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 58-40566, etc. and has been put into practical use. Specifically, charging is effected by gap discharge caused in a minute gap between a charging member and a photosensitive member by a voltage of the order of 1 to 2 kV being applied to between the charging member and the photosensitive member.--

REMARKS

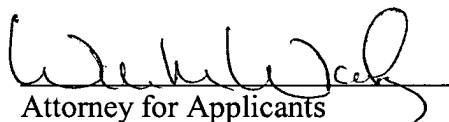
Claims 1 through 8 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

The specification has been amended to place such in better form. In so doing, a typographical error at page 2, line 4 in citing a patent document in the Background of the Invention has been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added inasmuch as the correctly-cited document corresponds with the discussion referring to that document.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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